A regular meeting of the 53rd Session of Student Senate was called into order at 6:08 pm on Monday, November 30, 2009 in the TAMARACK ROOM, President Michael Umhoefer chairing and Secretary Jessi Van Natta being present.

The Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Senator Blaine Balow.

Roll Call
See Attachment A

Questions and Answers re: Blugold Commitment by Chancellor Levin-Stankevich and Provost Kleine, along with Michael Wick

Open Forum
Motion by Umhoefer to extend Open Forum 15 more minutes, 2nd by Tweedale.

Personnel Matter
See Attachment

Approval of Minutes from November 23, 2009

Special Reports

Report of the President
I received an e-mail from Karen Stuber and Charles Farrell asking for volunteers for the upcoming Viennese Ball. If you are interested in helping them out please let me know. Volunteers have to be at least in their second year of school and have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Applications to volunteer are on the events website.

The Blugold Commitment survey will be going out tomorrow morning and will remain open until 11:59pm Thursday night. Friday morning I will send an email to all of Senate which will include the results of the major questions. I will also provide instructions for you to access the results through Qualtrics so you can see each question.

The green fund bylaws are progressing slowly. Right now, I am trying to work through the deliberation process, which is far more complicated than I anticipated. I plan on going through the bylaws and have a rough draft available for everyone before they go on break.

The bill to implement the bylaws will be introduced the first Senate meeting of next semester so any and all comments would be appreciated at this phase of the process. This Thursday we will be having another Davies meeting. It is still uncertain whether the architects will be available to come to campus but I will update you next Monday on what we discussed.

December 10 and 11 is the next Board of Regents meeting. They will possibly be discussing changes to their policy regarding differential tuition proposals. I have spoken with a few people from UW-System and a couple Regents and they are indicating the changes to the policy will more specifically detail the requirements for differential tuition proposals. The Blugold Commitment is not looking like it will be affected by the policy change, but I will keep you up to date on what happens.

This Thursday at 5pm, Senator Johnson, the Chancellor, and I will be guests on Wisconsin Public Radio. Please tune in to hear a
great radio segment on the Blugold Commitment. Our Senator of the week this week has contributed to many commissions and shown consistent devotion to Senate. She will be leaving senate next semester and we will miss her greatly. Congratulations, Senator Lee.

Michael Umhoefer

Report of the Vice President
Hello Everyone,
I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving weekend. This week is quite busy with the Blugold Commitment survey that will be going out Tuesday, December 1, at 8:00am and will stay open until Thursday December 3, at 11:59pm. Please encourage your friends and classmates to take the survey since it will have an effect on how senate will vote at the December 7th meeting.

I have a report on the McPhee floor and bleacher system. Their facilities department is working with a company for an adapter that will make it possible to pull out the bleachers in the gym. It appears they may have a cost effective solution soon but unfortunately the state process is very slow. Hopefully, this will be solved soon. I’ll keep you all updated as soon as I receive more information.

Lastly, since the end of the semester came quick, especially with everything related to the Blugold Commitment, I have talked with David Gardner from WAGE and we thought it would work best for both organizations (WAGE and Senate) to plan the Safe Space training at the beginning of next semester. If you have any suggestions on a date for a Sunday afternoon let me know. Otherwise, I will look for a date early in the spring semester.

With that, I hope you all have a great week, and please remember to promote the Blugold Commitment survey. It is important for us to try and gauge how the student population feels.

Thanks,
Amber Bretl

Report of the Chief of Staff
I hope your Thanksgiving went well. For office hours this week: first off, anyone who is going on the United Council event this weekend will be covered for an office hour. The other opportunities are on Tuesday and Wednesday from 11-2:00 on the campus mall for the Mocember campaign. Also, on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm in the Davies theatre is the SLD documentary event, “House of Numbers”.

Adam Sorelle

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS
Report of the Academic Affairs Commission Director
In Academic Affairs we discussed in detail the FYE program. Depending on the passage of the Blugold Commitment, we will discuss how the Differential Tuition process can be sustained.

Adam Sorelle

Report of the Finance Commission Director
Dylan Jambrek

Report of the Information Technology Commission Director
This week we discussed the creation of an Illegal Downloading Task Force that will be necessary for compliance with national regulations. I will be delaying this until the Blugold Commitment is over this semester, so watch for it at one of our first meetings next semester.

Jacob Kampen

Report of the Intergovernmental Affairs Commission Director
No report submitted.

Armon Tabrizi

Report of the Organizations Commission Director
Hello Everyone,
I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving weekend. Last week in organizations we had interviews for a new organizations director. It will be announced at the Senate meeting tonight. For the rest of the semester we are going to try to keep the same meeting time at noon in the Oak room on Tuesdays. Let me know if you have any questions. Have a great week!

Interim Director Amber Bretl

Report of the Public Relations Commission Director
The Public Relations commission is currently still working on getting the Senatorial published as “toilet talk”. If anyone would like table tents next semester, please let me know ahead of time!

Cassidy Brandt
Report of the Student Life & Diversity Commission Director
Hello everybody!

Mocember updates: Tuesday and Wednesday we will be out on the campus mall from 11-2. There will be free hot cocoa. Go out and buy a moustache to support men’s health awareness for $2. On Wednesday, from 7pm, there will be a documentary screening in Davies Theatre in conjunction with Human Rights Awareness Week. The director of the documentary is going to be there, so make sure you save the date! Our meetings are at 3pm in the DRC every Monday!

Davendra Raj

Report of the Student Services Commission Director
Thanks to everyone who attended and helped out at the Student Appreciation basketball game on Wednesday! Join us for our last meeting of the semester next week on Monday at 11:00am in the Senate Office. Please note that there will be NO Tuesday meeting next week, but the Monday one will be twice the fun. Have a great weekend!

Sarah Tweedale

Report of the University Activities Commission

Cabin
- **Friday, Dec. 4th**: More Amore
- **Saturday, Dec. 5th**: Dacia Miller
  - Shows begin at 8pm and are FREE 😊

Films
- This **Thursday through Sunday**, Dec. 3rd-6th: Before the Rain
  - Shows at 6pm & 8:30pm

Higherground:
- **Tuesday, Dec. 1st**: Smart Renting Seminar at 7pm
  - Off-campus renting information free & open to all UWEC students
  - Prizes! 😊
- **Friday, Dec. 4th**: All Hall Fall Ball at 10pm
  - Ballroom dance EXTRAVAGANZA! *Semi-formal attire required
  - Free Latin dance lessons from Two to Tango beginning at 9pm
- **Saturday, Dec. 5th**: Yam Cannon – Live Band at 10pm
  - They are a local psychedelic jam band 😊

Emily Fiedler

There will be a convention this weekend in Waukesha and a chapter meeting, this week Tuesday at 3:30pm.

Janna Caspersen

Report of the Webmaster
Hello everyone,

We have a new "Connect" page on the website that links to our Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube pages. You can view it at http://www.uwec.edu/StudentSenate/connect/
- Let me know what you think. Aside from this, it has pretty much been business-as-usual on the web.

Thank you,

Matthew Sias

Special Reports
Sorelle attended the University Senate meeting and reported to the Student Senate on updates

Unfinished Business
  - Passed 26-0-0

B. Discussion of Keynote Constitution
  - Passed by voice vote

C. Discussion of up ‘Til Dawn Constitution
  - Passed by voice vote

D. Discussion of Linguistics Student Organization (LSO) Constitution.
  - Passed by voice vote

E. Any Other Unfinished Business brought before the meeting.

New Business
A.Any Other New Business brought before the meeting.
**Announcements**

Van Natta:
- Student Appreciation Night is 7pm, Wednesday Dec. 2- please support the women’s basketball team!
- Secret Snowflake/Santa/Person has started. The 3 giving days left are Dec. 3, 7, and the reveal/big gift day on the 11th.
- Please let me know if you would like to be secretary, as I will be leaving at semester- I can “show you the ropes” if you are interested.

Woods: There is a March Housing Conference, which you can get your service learning done if you participate. The informational meetings are Tuesday, 6pm in the Towers basement and Thursday at 6pm in the Badger room.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by President Umhoefer.

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**Minutes Submitted By**

Jessi Van Natta

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53rd SESSION STUDENT SENATE
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NOVEMBER 30, 2009

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Rynish, Phillip, Organizations Commission Director

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In Support of Resolution 53-R-10, **In Support of Proposed Differential Tuition Awards for FY 2010-2011.**
**Passed 26-0-0**